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SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN: Will the Government issue instructions to see that at least in future no such check-posts are allowed at such close distance in view of the austerity that is being observed by the Government?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: In certain places, we will have to abide by the conditions prevailing in those places. In certain places, check-posts will be helping us. In certain other places . . .

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN: Not within a distance of two furlongs.

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: Even in such cases, it will be helpful if they are border areas in the districts. Our attempt is not to spend money but to see that food movement is controlled.

SRI R. VENKATACHALAM: What are the commodities the movement of which is prohibited from taluk to taluk?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: Food.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR: Sir, have the Government no confidence in their own officers? Where is the necessity for a number of check-posts within a furlong, whatever be the districts concerned?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: It is not as a general rule the check-posts are introduced within a furlong or two furlongs in certain places. It is to prevent the stealthy movement by lorry owners and others who just try to smuggle away. We have to take effective measures against them. For this, preventive measures are inevitable.

DR. H. V. HANDE: Do the Government think that there is proper co-ordination between these check-posts?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: This is constantly being reviewed, and we examined whether the check-posts should be increased or reduced.

Prices of Milk

* 194 *Q.*—SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(*a*) the price of milk just before the Madhavaram Milk Project was started; and

(*b*) the current price of milk of (i) Madhavaram Project, (ii) Co-operatives and (iii) private sources?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMIAH: (*a*) Buffalo's milk—Rs. 1.50 to Rs. 1.75 per Madras measure (4 lb. or 1.8 litres).

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Cow's milk— Rs. 1.25 to Rs. 1.36 per Madras measure (4 lb. or 1.8 litres).

(*a*)

Serial Number and Different sources of supply.	*Retail.*			*Bulk.* *Hospitals, Co-operative Canteens and other non-commercial institutions.*			*Hotels and commercial institutions.*			*Special orders.*		
	B.M.	C.M.	T.M.	B.M.	C.M.	T.M.	B.M.	C.M.	T.M.	B.M.	C.M.	T.M.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
1 Madras Dairy and Milk Project.	1.24	1.04	1.00	1.28	1.12	1.04	1.36	1.20	1.12	1.60	1.44	1.36
2 Co-operatives.	1.24	1.24	..	1.36	1.36	..	1.36	1.36	..	1.60	1.60	..
3 Private sources.	1.40	1.10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

B.M. = Buffalo's milk.
C.M. = Cow's milk.
T.M. = Toned milk.

Sri M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR: May I know, Sir, whether after the new milk project came into force, the price of milk has not been increased? What is the reason for this increase?

The Hon. Sri V. RAMAIAH: If the hon. Member looks into the figures I have given, he will see that the price of the Madras Dairy and Milk Project is Rs. 1.24 for buffalo's milk and Re. 1.04 for cow's milk. In the case of the private sources, it is Re. 1.40 and Re. 1.10 respectively. So, the hon. Member can draw his own inference.

Sri M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR: I am not comparing the present prices of the private sources and the Madras Dairy and Milk Project. Before the introduction of this project, the price of milk was low. After its introduction, the price was slightly increased. What is the reason?

The Hon. Sri V. RAMIAH: The prices I gave are, the present prices. I am not in a position to give the 1959 prices, when the project came.

Sri M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR: Are these projects able to supply the full requirements of the City? For special occasions, the prices charged are very high. What is the reason for it?

The Hon. Sri V. RAMAIAH: This project does not undertake to meet all the City requirements. It only meets a portion of it. On occasions like marriages or any other festivities, when milk is required, and if milk is available, after meeting the normal demands of the ordinary consumers, it is given at a high price.

Sri M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR: Sir, how are the prices fixed in respect of this Madhavaram Project? It is losing several lakhs of rupees.

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THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : It is not only the price structure that is responsible. There are other causes for it. There is the interest on capital, and there are depreciation charges. More than these, the milk supply, as I just now pointed out, from Madhavaram is sold at controlled prices much lower than the market price.

Madhavaram Milk Project

3-2 p.m. * 195 Q.—SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : Will the Hon the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of milch and other cattle available at Madhavaram Project during 1962 to 1964;

(*b*) the present strength of the above categories;

(*c*) whether any allowance or aid is given to the owners of the cattle; and

(*d*) the total number of milch and other cattle maintained by the Government in the above Project?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (*a*)—

	Buffaloes.		Cows.		Total.	
	Milch.	Dry.	Milch.	Dry.	Milch.	Dry.
1st April 1962	1,603	37	607	46	2,210	83
1st April 1963	1,763	90	1,472	145	3,235	235
1st April 1964	1,498	44	2,300	146	3,798	190
1st April 1965	1,019	39	1,120	44	2,139	83
(*b*) 12th October 1965	722	21	955	17	1,677	38

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Under the Calf Rearing Scheme there are at present 77 cow calves and 22 buffalo calves taken from the owners free of cost to be reared in the Colony. This scheme of departmental rearing is being given up in favour of a scheme for grant of subsidy to owners. Thirty dry cows and 52 dry buffalos are being maintained by the Department.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : What is the reason for the reduction in the number of cattle in the year 1965?

THE HON SRI V. RAMAIAH : A separate question may be put.

DR. H. V. HANDE : Is it a fact that in the Madhavaram Colony there are a number of casuarina trees and that by eating these leaves the cows prematurely give birth and that this is the reason for a number of calves not being born? Is it because of the cashewnut trees? If so, what steps have the Government taken to prevent the planting of these trees?